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E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER HITS THE ROAD AGAIN

1. AFTER A PERIOD OF RELATIVE QUIET, FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK APPEARS TO HAVE RESUMED HIS ACTIVE FOREIGN TRAVEL PROGRAM IN SEARCH OF THE WILL O' THE WISP OF LEGITIMACY. FOLLOWING HIS APRIL 10-13 VISIT TO BONN WITH PRESIDENT HUSAK, HE ATTENDED THE WARSAW PACT FONMINS SESSION IN SOFIA APRIL 24-26, AND WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS SCHEDULED A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TRIPS IN THE WEEKS TO COME. HE WILL LEAVE FOR AMMAN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. THE AUSTRIAN DCM TELLS US CHNOUPEK WILL TRAVEL TO VIENNA
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ABOUT MAY 15 TO SET UP A
VISIT TO PRAGUE LATER THIS YEAR BY PRESIDENT KIRSCHLAGER.
WE ALSO KNOW THAT CHNOUPEK PLANS TO ATTEND THE UNSSOD,
WHERE HE IS SLATED TO SPEAK ON MAY 23. HE IS SAID TO BE SCHEDULED
FOR VISITS TO LISBON AND MADRID EN ROUTE HOME TO PRAGUE
FROM NEW YORK.

3. WE ARE ALSO TOLD THAT CHNOUPEK WILLBE "VACATIONING" IN HAVANA SOME TIME AND WONDER WHETHER THIS MEANS A QUICK STOPOVER IN CUBA AFTER THE UNSSOD SESSION, OR A MORE LENGTHY VACATION LATER IN THE SUMMER.

4. COMMENT: WHILE CONTINUING THE EFFORT TO BUILD THE IMAGE OF THE HUSAK REGIME'S LEGITIMACY, CHNOUPEK WILL BE PARROTING THE STRAIGHT MOSCOW LINE ON SUCH ISSUES AS THE ME SITUATION, SPAIN'S RELATIONSHIP TO NATO, DISARMAMENT, ETC.

5. DECONTROL AFTER FOUR YEARS OF ORIGINATING DATE.
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